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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION: Political Philosophy, Ethics, Metaphysics, German Idealism, 19th-20th century German Philosophy, Contemporary French Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE: History of Philosophy, Critical Theory, 20th century French Philosophy
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EDUCATION: 2024 PhD, Philosophy, University of Hagen
(*Summa cum laude*)

Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Thomas Bedorf (University of Hagen) and Prof. Dr. Frank Ruda (University of Dundee)

2016 M.A., Political Theory, Goethe University Frankfurt.
Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Christoph Menke, Prof. Dr. Frank Ruda

2011 B.A., Political Science and International Relations- with Honors Degree, Bogazici University, Istanbul

EMPLOYMENT:

September 2025- December 2025, Assistant Professor, Masaryk University, Department of Philosophy

April 2024-September 2025, Faculty Member, University of Hagen, Institute of Philosophy, Practical Philosophy III: Technology, History, Society

April 2024- April 2025. Adjunct Lecturer, University of Hamburg, Department of Political Science, Chair of Political Theory

PUBLICATIONS

Monograph

- *Gleich-Gültigkeit: Metaphysics of Modern Equality with Hegel, Marx, Heidegger and Badiou*, Leiden/ Boston: Brill- Fink. [Forthcoming in July 2026, In German.]

Book Chapters:

- "Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger: A Lesson on the Gigantic and Capital" In: Douglas F. Peduti (ed): *Heidegger Circle Proceedings*. Volume 59, pp. 164-176. Pittsburgh. 2025.

- “A Communitaristocratic Response to the Call of Gaia: Formation of a Noble Indifference Towards Religious Narratives of Nature.” In: Vanessa Lemm & Antonia Ulrich (eds.): *Nietzsche’s Natures*, pp. 69-99. Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter. 2024. [In German]
- “Can there be a Digital ‘In-between’? A reflection on the ‘thing’ in transition from onto-theological times of metaphysics to a post-metaphysical unknown.” In: Constantino Pereira Martins (ed): *Technopolitics: Charting the Unknown*, pp. 329-343. São-Paulo: Dialética. 2024.
- “The Ukulele-Effect: A Critique of the ideology of ‘Creativity’ in Form of Andreas Reckwitz’ Concept of Creative Labor.” *Yearbook of Marxist Social Theory #2: Labor und Technocracy*. Vienna: Mandelbaum, pp. 67-87. 2023. [In German]
- “What can Heidegger tell us about Elon Musk? Unfolding the diagnosis of Indifference in Heidegger’s *Beiträge*: The Gigantic and Lived Experience Today.” In: Daniel Dahlstrom (ed) *Heidegger Circle Proceedings*. Volume 57, pp. 3-11. Boston. 2023.

Journal Articles:

- “No *One*, *Someone*, *The One*: Am I always the same ‘one’, when I am alone, or in the companionship of a friend, or in the presence of my lover?” In: *Revue PSN. Psychiatrie, Sciences Humaines, Neurosciences*, Vol. 22, N° 2. 2024, pp. 127-147.
- “The Question of Plurality and Universal Affirmation: A Dialogue of Thought between Arendt and Badiou.” *HannahArendt.net. Journal for political thought*, Vol 13(1) 2024, pp. 97-115.
- “#MakeAnImpact! The Actuality of the World between online presence and the search for impact of the Self.” *Journal of PSN. Psychiatry, Humanities, Neurosciences*, Vol. 21, N° 3. 2023, pp. 47-63. [In French]
- “Thus posted Zarathustra. Übermensch and the Herd of the ‘Rare’.” *Logoi.ph – Journal of Philosophy*, N. IX, 22, 2023 (Special Issue), pp. 152-159.
- “Capital Matters: The Middle-Class between Welcome Culture and Ukrainian Refugee Crisis.” *International Studies– Journal for International Relations and Humanities*, Vol. XXIII 2023, No 1, pp. 109-130.
- “Two World Pictures in Lived Experience: City und Countryside in Late Modernity.” *Berliner Debatte Initial: Journal for Humanities and Social Sciences*, 2022 (3), pp. 16-27. [In German]
- “#MeOnlyForMyself: The paradox of Solitude in the Age of Social Media.” *Journal of PSN. Psychiatry, Humanities, Neurosciences*, Vol. 20, N° 3 2022, pp. 55-67. [In French]
- “Reaction, Progression and Vaccination, or: What can Squid Game tell us about pandemics?” *International Studies – Journal for International Relations and Humanities*, Vol. XXII 2022, No. 1, pp. 61-80.

WORKS IN PROGRESS:

- “Kant’s Wigmaker and Barber and Modern Equality.” In: Christoph Horn, Margit Ruffing, Rainer Schäfer (eds): *Proceedings of the 14th International Kant Congress ‘Kant’s Project of Enlightenment’ (Bonn, 8-13 September 2024)*. Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter. Forthcoming in 2027. [In German]
- “Gültigkeit and Geltung: The Ethical Difference in the Legal Principle of Modern Equality.” In: Brady Bowman, Myriam Gerhard and Jure Zovko (eds.): *Hegel Yearbook 2024*, Berlin: Duncker & Humblot. Forthcoming in 2027. [In German]
- “Dialectics of (In)Difference: What can Hegel’s Concrete Universality tell us about Identitarianism?” In: Zdravko Kobe & Luca Illeterati (eds): *Between Substance and Subject: The presence of Spinoza in Hegel*, Leiden/ Boston: Brill. Forthcoming in 2026.
- “The World is (Ge)-Mine: The Speculative Life of the *sensus communis* with Arendt and Hegel”. *HannahArendt.net. Journal for political thought*, Vol 15 2025. Forthcoming in 2026.
- “(Un)Faith and (Non)Knowledge: Essay on Trust in the Age of General Distrust, with Arendt, Hume, Kant, Leibniz, and Hegel.” In: Andreas Kalina & Kinza Khan (eds.): *Know-it-all Society. On the Credibility Crisis of Experts in Times of Transformations and Crises*, Baden-Baden: Nomos. Forthcoming in December 2026. [In German]
- “Indifference and Event. Heidegger, Badiou and the Crisis of Historical Time”. In Miklós Nyíró (ed.): *Event and its Mediations*. Forthcoming in 2026.

INVITED (UPCOMING AND PAST) TALKS:

- “What is an egalitarian *hubris*? A dialogue between Badiou and Deleuze on Limits and Infinity. Invited lecture at *Staatliche Akademie der bildenden Künste Karlsruhe*, Mai 2026. [In German]
- “Gemeinsinn [Common sense], *Gemeinsinn* [private sense], *Gemeinsinn* [‘mean’ sense]: The Link between Judgment, Opinion and Distrust in a Disoriented World“. Invited Lecture at the Conference, *Individual Universality? Sensus communis and reflecting Judgement in Kant and Arendt*, University of Freiburg, December 2024. [In German]
- “Dialectics of individuality and equality: On the current rise of right populism”. Invited lecture in *the Colloquium of Political Theory*, University of Kiel, December 2023.
- “Poetry Slam Personality and Big Picture Personality: Two online expressions of the same desire of *making an impact* on the world” Invited lecture at the conference, *Le Soi entre incarnation (embodiment) et présence offline*, University of Paris I, May 2023. [In French]
- “Is authoritarian Liberalism a Concept of *weak negation*? Invited lecture at the *Colloquium of the working group Places of the Political*, Philosophical Research Institute of Hannover, February 2023.

(SELECTED) UPCOMING AND PAST PRESENTATIONS:

- „Falling and Authenticity in Digital Everydayness: The Question of πέρας (boundary), ἄπειρον (unbounded) and the World”. VII. *International Meßkirch- Heidegger Conference. Being and Time– Reception, Meaning, Actuality*. Meßkirch, May 2026. [In German]
- “Badiou with Deleuze on (In-)Difference and the Power of Equality”. *Deleuze 100. A Deleuzean Century?*, Vienna, November 2025. [In German]
- "Content Creation and Commodification of Lived Experience: What if life becomes a work of its production as a 'content'?" *Working Democracy*, Groningen, October 25.
- “Indifference and Event: Martin Heidegger, Alain Badiou and the Crisis of Historical Time”. *Event and its Mediation*, Miskolc (Hungary), September 2025.
- “Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger: A Lesson on Capital and the Gigantic”. *59th Heidegger Circle Conference*, Pittsburgh, May 2025.
- “Fish Stuck or Fish Sick? On the Urge to Create an Impact”. *Curb Your Enthusiasm: Analyzing the Ethics and Politics of Political Correctness*, Online Conference, November 2024.
- Kant and Modern Equality: The shift of labor form from equal validity to indifference. *Immanuel Kant, 300 Years from Now*, Congress, Catania, October 2024.
- “The Ethical Difference: *Gültigkeit* [legal validity] und *Geltung* [social validity] and the Legal Principle of Modern Equality“. *XXXV. Hegel Congress*, Tbilisi (Georgia), October 2024. [In German]
- “What can Kant's Barber and Wigmaker teach us about the modern concept of equality?” *14th International Kant Congress*, Bonn, September 2024. [In German]
- “Can there be a digital in-between? A reflection with Hannah Arendt on the relation between loss of worldly reality and fanatical searches for ‘alternative truths’ in our present times” *29. DVPW Congress*, Göttingen, September 2024.
- “The conservative Kernell in the contingent shell: Postfoundationalism and its Kant interpretation.” *The Argument from History of Ideas*. Workshop called by Marcus Llanque, Augsburg, February 2024. [In German]
- “Hegel, Jacobi’s Spinoza and Equality: Jacobi’s silent trace in Hegel’s conception of concrete universality and the modern equality ‘between equivalence and indifference’.” *Between Substance and Subject. The presence of Spinoza in Hegel*. Conference, Ljubljana, October 2023.
- “Hölderlin or motorcycle? Heidegger's interpretation of the Übermensch between a Critique of National Socialism and an Anticipation of our Present.” *33rd international*

Nietzsche-Congress, Naumburg, October 2023. [In German]

- “What distinguishes an Environmentalist from a Hermit? On Alain Badiou’s diagnosis of the contemporary disorientation of the World and its repercussions in the ecopolitical narratives of *Anthropocene*.” *Political Theory in Uncertain Times*, International Political Theory Conference, Bremen, September 2023.
- “What can Heidegger tell us about Elon Musk? The Gigantic and Lived Experience today and Heidegger’s diagnosis of Indifference in *Beiträge*.” *57th Meeting of Heidegger Circle*," Boston, May 2023.
- “Dialectic of Limitation and De-Limitation in Quentin Meillassoux’ thought of the Absolute.” *Thinking at the Limit*, Duquesne University, March 2023 (Online).
- “Equivalindifference [Ger. Gleich-Gültigkeit].” *Political Concepts*, Conference in New School for Social Research, New York, March 2023.
- “Flat Welt, round Welt: Offers of Reality and the Question of worldliness with Arendt.” *TINA, “alternative Facts” and Sciences*, Conference in Academy of Political Education, Tutzing-Bavaria, February 2023. [In German]
- “Slave Morality or a new egalitarian Aristocracy? Two Ways of Humanizing the Nature in Nietzsche“, *32nd International Nietzsche Congress*, Naumburg, October 2022. [In German]
- “COVID, Authoritarian Liberalism and the Cult of ‘Me’: Thinking Democratic Disorientation with Badiou. *The Evolution of Post-Democracy*. Workshop called by Veith Selk and Ana Margarida Gaudêncio, Coimbra, October 2022.
- “Übermensch today: What if Zarathustra had an Instagram account?” *Nietzsche oggi / Nietzsche Today*, Conference, Messina-Italy, October 2022.
- “A new in-between à-venir? Thinking Privacy and Emancipation with Arendt.” *Quo Vadis democracy?*, Conference, Bonn, September 2022.
- “What does the human relation to nature have in common with the *right to difference*?” *On the relationship between nature and spirit in Hegel: historical and current perspectives*. Conference, Freiburg, December 2021. [In German.]
- “German Culture of ‘Erinnerung’: Repetition as a Way of Forgetting?” *Memories for the Future? Narrating Horizons of Hope in Politics out of History*, Conference, Gießen, December 2020.
- “Two Offers for the ‘true’ European: Hospitality and Hostility.” *Migration, Rights Democracy: Conceptual Reappraisals*, Conference, Università del Piemonte Orientale, Vercelli, June 2020.

COURSES TAUGHT:

- B.A. / M.A. Seminar: “Ethics with Badiou in Times of AI”, Masaryk University, Autumn 2025. [In English]
- B.A. / M.A. Seminar: “Thinking Trust with Hannah Arendt”, Masaryk University, Autumn 2025. [In English]
- B.A. / M.A. Seminar: “An Epitome of contemporary confusion: What does conservative mean today?” University of Hamburg, Winter Semester 2024/2025. [In German]
- B.A. / M.A. Seminar: “Badiou and Arendt in Dialogue: On the concept of *political* Equality”, University Hamburg, Summer Semester 2024. [In German]
- B.A. / M.A. Seminar: “Fukuyama against Fukuyama: From the end of the history to the end of the Democracy”, Frankfurt am Main, Summer Semester 2024. [In German]
- Supervision of the module: “Practical Philosophy” in BA Cultural Studies, University of Hagen, Summer Semester 2024.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS:

- Nietzsche-Fellowship, Klassik Stiftung Weimar, 2025. (Residence Term: January-March)
- DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Research Travel Award, 2025.
- University of Hagen, Completion Scholarship for Advanced Dissertation Projects (8500 \$, Rejected), 2024.
- DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Research Travel Award, 2022.
- Heinrich-Böll-Foundation, Doctoral Research Scholarship (\$65.000), 2021.
- DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) M.A. Scholarship (\$31.000), 2011.
- German Pedagogical Exchange Service, Awardee of *Preisträgerprogramm*, 2005.

LANGUAGES:

- German ~ fluent (speaking, reading, writing)
- English ~ fluent (speaking, reading, writing)
- French ~ fluent (speaking, reading, writing)
- Ancient Greek ~ Elementary
- Kurdish (Northern Kurdish) ~ native
- Turkish ~ native

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

- German Society for Philosophy
- German Society for French Philosophy
- Hegel Society (Germany)
- The Heidegger Circle
- German Political Science Association Sections:
Political Theory /Politics and Culture

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